

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS- PER37 CFR 1.121

1. (Cancelled) A pet toy comprising, a section of a white polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe and/or tube that has been scored or grooved randomly along its exterior surface and the outer surface of said plastic pipe or tube has been treated to both discolor said plastic pipe or tube outer surface to a shade or shades of brown and to roughen said outer surface; said plastic pipe or tube is bent into a toy shape; means for hanging said bent plastic pipe or tube; and said plastic pipe or tube receives one or more objects attached thereto.
2. (Cancelled) The pet toy as recited in Claim 1, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is a standard water sprinkler system.
3. (Cancelled) The pet toy as recited in Claim 1, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is bent at spaced intervals therealong to where the pipe or tube ends align; and said tube ends are connected together by a coupling means.
4. (Cancelled) The pet toy as recited in Claim 3, wherein the coupling means is a dowel having an outside diameter to fit snugly into the pipe or tube ends and receives a coating of an adhesive prior to fitting said pipe or tube ends thereon.
5. (Cancelled) The pet toy as recited in Claim 3, wherein the coupling means is a sleeve type polyvinyl chloride (PVC) connector having an inside diameter to fit snugly over the plastic pipe or tube ends outer surfaces and receive a coating of an adhesive thereon prior to fitting over said pipe or tube ends; and a ring means is attached to said sleeve outer surface, extending outwardly therefrom as a hanger.
6. (Original) A method for manufacturing a pet toy comprising, to a section of a white

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polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe and/or tube, scribing a plurality of longitudinal lines along said plastic pipe or tube outer surface that are randomly spaced apart from one another, from one end of said plastic pipe or tube to the other; and exposing said plastic pipe or outer surface to a direct flame for a short period of time to scorch said outer surface from white to brown, and to roughen said outer surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 6, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is held in place; and is scored or grooved longitudinally utilizing a hand held tool [tool].

8. (Original) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 7, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is scorched utilizing a hand held torch.

9. (Original) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 8, wherein the hand held torch is a propane torch and its flame is held over each section of the surface of the plastic pipe or tube for approximately one second.

10. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 6, further including spot heating the plastic pipe or tube at a point or points along its surface and said plastic pipe or tube is bent at each said heated spot into a shape of a pet toy; and is fitted with a hanger for suspending it above the ground.

11. (Cancelled) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 6, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is passed through a tool ring wherein are mounted groove tool bits extending radially inwardly, and which said tool ring is turned slowly first in a clockwise and then in a second counter clockwise direction, forming longitudinally sinusoidal curved grooves in the outer surface of said plastic pipe or tube as it travels through said tool ring; and said plastic pipe or tube outer

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surface, after passage through said tool ring, is exposed to a flame over its outer surface.

12. (Cancelled) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 11, where at least one torch projecting a flame from a tip end thereof is mounted to play that flame over the plastic pipe or tube as after is emerges from the tool ring.

13. (Cancelled) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 11, further including spot heating a section of the plastic pipe or tube and bending said plastic pipe or tube at said heated section.

14. (Cancelled) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 13, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is bent into a pet toy shape, the pipe or tube ends are aligned and are joined together; and a hanger is attached to said pipe or tube.

15. (Cancelled) A system for manufacturing a pet toy comprising, a tool ring that includes a plurality of grooving tool bits mounted at spaced intervals to extend radially inwardly from said tool ring inner surface; a guide for directing a plastic pipe and/or tube into said tool ring; means for slowly turning said tool ring back and forth as said plastic pipe or tube is passed therethrough; means for moving said plastic pipe or tube through said tool ring; and means for directing an open flame over the outer surface of said plastic pipe or tube after it has passed out of said tool ring.

16.(Cancelled) The system for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 15, wherein the means for slowly turning the tool right is an electric motor arranged to turn an output shaft first in a clock-wise direction and then in a counter clock-wise direction and the guide and means for directing an open flame over the outer surface of said plastic pipe or tube are mounted to said electric motor.

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17. (Cancelled) The system for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 16, wherein the means for directing an open flame over the outer surface of said plastic pipe or tube is a gas burner that includes a burner end wherfrom a flame is directed.

18. (Added) The method for manufacturing a pet toy as recited in Claim 7, wherein the plastic pipe or tube is scored or grooved longitudinally utilizing a motor driven hand held tool where turning of said motor turns a cutting wheel or disk.